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SUBJECT 1. Soviet Control of Shantung Lines
2. Suspension of Commercial Railroad
Shipments South of Tientsin

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1. In mid-May 1951 the Chinese Communist authorities gave the Soviet Union control over all gold and silver mines near Chaoyuan (120-24, 37-22), Shantung. All miners in these mines were receiving intensive training from the Soviets. A "light metals" mine just south of Changtien (118-04, 36-51) was also under Soviet control.¹
2. In late May 1951 the Tientsin Railway Administration temporarily suspended all south-bound shipments of non-government commercial freight out of Tientsin. The cause of the suspension was the shortage of locomotives.²

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1. [REDACTED] Comment. Available records, dated 1945, show gold mines at Linglungshan and Ts'anchuang, east of Chaoyuan. These mines were said to produce mercury and tungsten in addition to gold, but no silver was reported. The only deposits shown near Changtien were aluminous shale.
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2. [REDACTED] Comment. [REDACTED] a heavy movement of wounded troops from Korea in late May 1951.

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